

## OSMP Centennial Park Trailhead

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### TRAILHEAD...

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### LOCATION

West end of Pearl St. at its junction with Canyon Blvd.

### PARKING

Parking lot at trailhead.

### TRAILS

Red Rocks Trail is 0.5 mi; 300ft. This area is actually a network of short trails. Starting at Settlers' Park, Red Rocks Trail goes north past a historic marker and gains a rocky ridge. It follows the ridge, and goes to the saddle to the right of the spectacular fins of Red Rocks. The trail continues down the ridge to end at Centennial Park in the mouth of Sunshine Canyon on Mapleton Ave., west of the Mount Sanitas Trail Head.

### ACCESSIBILITY

This area is identified as being popular with people using wheelchairs. See the Trails Accessibility Guide (TAP) (3.44 MB)..

## RESTROOMS

None (1 set of multiple restrooms located approximately 0.25 miles north of Eben G. Fine Park).

## PICNIC FACILITIES

Four picnic tables at trailhead.

## BIKE REGULATIONS

No bicycles are allowed in this area.

## DOG REGULATIONS

Dogs must be on a hand-held leash at all times unless they meet the voice and sight control standard and display a City of Boulder Voice and Sight tag. Dog excrement removal is required by law.

## WILDLIFE

Black bears, mountain lions and mule deer are inhabit this area.

## HISTORIC INFO

Settlers' Park got its name because it was thought to be the location of the first permanent camp of White settlers in the Boulder area. The group pitched their tents at the base of the sheltering Red Rocks on October 17, 1858. A group of about 24 men heading toward Cherry Creek-Auraria gold strikes broke away from their wagon train because one of their members, Captain Thomas Aikins, thought that the "mountain looked right for gold" in the foothills west of the Boulder area. Red Rocks was purchased in 1920 and 1926.

## Before You Go

Please know OSMP rules and regulations.

Please study our six Leave No Trace" Principles to protect the land.

Dog owners: see our special dog page.

Hikers and climbers: Please be aware of all area closures.

Mountain bikers: follow this link for trails where you can bike.

## More Useful Links:

[Trailhead summary](#)

[Trailhead Summary Matrix](#)

[Trail system overview](#)

[Stay Safe, Know the Hazards](#)

[Wheelchair Accessible Trails guide](#)

